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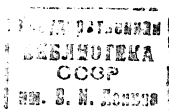
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INTRODUCTION.

The object of this book, as explained in an introduction to the first edition, is to furnish the latest authentic information concerning a portion of our country which until very recently has been little thought of, but which is now the magnet for many minds. The favor with which it has been received by press and public has led to the preparation of a new edition, revised, enlarged, and brought thoroughly up to date. It has been the aim to make an accurate and comprehensive handbook of the Alaskan country, and with this end in view all available authorities on the subject have been consulted. The new edition contains four new chapters and many additional half tone illustrations and maps. The illustrations are largely from photographs taken by official expeditions of the United States and Canadian Governments. Most of them are published now for the first time. The maps are from maps and hitherto unpublished data in the possession of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey. They

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